

Stateline resident wants no delay in CalPERS case

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The central figure in the CalPERS bribery scandal says he is in "failing health," nearly died two years ago and needs a quick resolution to the pile of litigation he faces.

The disclosure by Alfred Villalobos is part of an effort by the Stateline businessman to thwart a new legal strategy by government lawyers who have been pursuing him for years over his role in the scandal at the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

In June, federal and state officials asked the courts to put a "stay," or legal hold, on a series of civil lawsuits involving Villalobos.

Their reasoning: The suits could give Villalobos' lawyers access to witness statements and documents they could use to fight the U.S. Justice Department's criminal prosecution of Villalobos and his friend, former CalPERS Chief Executive Fred Buenrostro.

Villalobos, however, wants to keep the lawsuits on track.

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